

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2429

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 2471

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: PRESS INQUIRIES

REF: STATE 060085

1. WE ARE VERY SENSITIVE TO FACT THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SPEAKS OFFICIALLY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO FOLLOW DEPARTMENT'S PRESS GUIDANCE TO THE LETTER.

2. WE ARE OURSELVES CONCERNED BY SOME OF THE RECENT WIRE SERVICE STORIES WE HAVE SEEN CONCERNING SITUATION IN ZAIRE.

ITEM: FBIS REPORTS BRUSSELS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH AT 1200 GMT 18 MARCH AS SAYING QUOTE ACCORDING TO NEWS TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN KINSHASA, 2,000 CUBAN SOLDIERS ARE AWAITING ORDERS TO ENTER ZAIRE FROM ANGOLA AND ACCORDING TO THE SAME SOURCE, THE INVADERS TOTAL 7,000 WELL-TRAINED AND WELL-EQUIPPED MEN TOTALLY BACKED BY ANGOLA UNQUOTE. EMBASSY WISHES TO ASSURE DEPARTMENT THAT NO REPEAT NO EMBASSY SPOKESMAN MADE THAT STATEMENT OR ANYTHING LIKE IT.

3. PRESIDENT MOBUTU CALLED AMBASSADOR AFTERNOON OF MARCH 18 TO COMPLAIN THAT HE HAD JUST HEARD OF AFP STORY OUT OF WASHINGTON SOURCING AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES IN WASHINGTON AND GIVING CURRENT LOCATION OF MIRAGE AIRCRAFT AND FACT THAT TWO ARE GROUNDED. HE COMPLAINED THAT THIS IS SERIOUS BREACH OF CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS SECURITY.

4. WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHERE THIS INFORMATION IS COMING FROM AND WOULD WELCOME ANY LIGHT DEPARTMENT COULD SHED ON THIS SUBJECT.  
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